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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were lower in the West, but unchanged in other major terminal markets when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Retail demand following the holiday was limited, but possibly better as first of the month approaches. Food service was fair to often good into sports bars, fast foods, and eateries close to shopping centers. Supplies of all sizes were adequate to ample for trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was generally light to fair. Supplies of all items were available to ample, longest for dark meat, and at times discounted to help clear. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed.

**Final Report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 28-NOV-2005.

(cents per lb)		US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	64.30	34
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.86	38 :	61.45	73
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	59.91	21
Denver	78.50	78.50	10 :	79.27	11
Detroit	58.00-60.00	59.45	11 :	64.28	50
Los Angeles	79.00	76.77	52 :	71.90	131
New York	58.00-61.00	59.08	24 :	61.73	57
Philadelphia	57.50-59.00	58.08	12 :	58.63	23
Pittsburgh	57.00-60.00	58.31	13 :	65.01	59
St. Louis	58.75	58.08	20 :	60.21	33
San Francisco	79.50	78.31	29 :	76.50	80

### Composite Weighted Average

Loads	11/28/05	Change/Last Wk	11/21/05	11/29/04
572	66.03	-.86	66.89	68.43

**WOG BROILERS** (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	62.00-64.00	62.65	37
Central	53.00-65.00	62.94	71
Western	56.00-67.00	63.70	34
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>			
Mississippi	69.00-72.00	70.89	81

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 72.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,040	56.00-73.50	71.05

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	144.50	1,138
BREASTS - B/S	116.50	5,056
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.00	1,217
THIGH MEAT - B/S	100.50	919
LEG QUARTERS	36.50	6,404
WINGS	80.50	2,439

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**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Trucklot buying interest remain seasonally light and unaggressive for early week business. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate to available for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was irregular and usually limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were at least adequate, bone-in breast were readily available and slow to clear. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current need. Wings were irregular but mostly adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall steady at best. Post-holiday demand was limited with mostly refilling being done and market developments being monitored. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules for this week were back to full time status with some Saturday time already planned at some locations. In the parts structure, movement was slow to fair; supplies of all items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The final majority prices were 1 cent lower than last Mondays' levels. Trading reported at mainly lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample. Buying activity was moderate to good. Retailer demand improved to cover planned store features. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 59.00 down 2.36 with the volume reported at 25 loads up 14 percent.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady on light offerings. Demand was seasonally light overall, instances fairly good into mall area restaurants, fast food and sports bars. Floor stocks were in balance; weights were mixed. Part offerings were light to moderate on very limited trade activity. The market tone was about steady on breast cuts and wings and barely steady to weak on the balance.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally slow with light and spotty activity noted where buyers looked to restock coolers with bare necessities. Offerings were adequate to ample for immediate delivery. Live supplies were moderate; weights were desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. In the parts complex, offerings were fully adequate to ample on all items. Leg cuts were often noted as in heaviest supply, particularly drums.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA	
RANGE	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50-79
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was light and cautious for early week business. Offerings ranged from about adequate to readily available, and where excess product was available it was often discounted in order to clear. Retail and distributive movement was seasonally light to no better than fair. The market tone was about steady to weak on most items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		105-110	101.21	941,980
TENDERLOINS		95-100	97.57	93,460
BREAST - WITH RIBS		55-56	67.23	59,760
BREAST - LINE RUN		55	53.88	72,000
LEGS		45-46	42.83	235,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		27-28	28.33	346,480
DRUMSTICKS		34-35	38.19	110,120
THIGHS		34-35	43.90	43,600
B/S THIGHS		95-96	94.75	92,740
WINGS (WHOLE)		78-79	79.73	237,980
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.30	17,320
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		50-55	50.73	17,045
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		70-75	74.98	18,520

INCL: NY CITY METRO, N. NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NE OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	880	80.00-106.00	86-95	92.73
TENDERLOINS	200	79.00-94.00	89-94	90.00
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	480	22.00-26.00	22-25	24.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,400	23.00-31.00	25-31	25.83
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 11/24	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS 11/21
Alabama	4,144	Holiday	Holiday	3,909	5.27
Arkansas	5,125	Holiday	Holiday	4,957	5.19
Delmarva	2,305	Holiday	Holiday	2,311	5.68
KY-LA-TN	2,298	Holiday	Holiday	2,245	5.06
Mississippi	3,017	Holiday	Holiday	2,873	5.54
North Carolina	2,521	Holiday	Holiday	2,472	6.76
Texas	2,490	Holiday	Holiday	2,563	5.03
Total	21,900	Holiday	Holiday	21,330	5.45
Mon	21,900(A)			21,330(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 28-Nov 2005

is estimated to be 32,765,000 up 2.37 percent from a week ago and up 4.3 percent from a year ago.

(last week 32,008,000 last year 31,429,000)

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	625	90.00-115.00	92-96	95.85
TENDERLOINS	253	80.00-165.00	85-89	88.28
BREAST - LINE RUN	150	59.00-74.00	62-65	62.40
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	201	32.00-58.00	33-35	33.90
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	640	20.00-30.00	25-26	25.17
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,130	22.00-43.00	27-28	27.24
WINGS (WHOLE)	280	72.00-83.00	75-79	78.05
WINGS (CUT)	280	88.00-96.00	92-95	92.68
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	110	88.00-130.00	-	92.19

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 28, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.50 - 41.00	37.25	37.19

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS** ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 28-NOV -TO- 02-DEC-2005

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	90.00 - 110.00	100.00 - 110.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	54.00 - 78.00	58.00 - 63.00
LEGS	44.00 - 50.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22.00 - 36.00	26.00 - 31.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	28.00 - 38.00	28.00 - 32.00
DRUMSTICKS	31.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	31.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	63.00 - 91.00	78.00 - 82.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 23.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 55.00	-

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	84.75-101.75
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	88.25-104.25
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	

#### DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-73

DUCKS  
RABBITS-WHOLE  
RABBITS-CUT UP

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

#### DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 95-107
	DRY PACK 114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100-112
	DRY PACK 118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 90-105
	DRY PACK 109
DUCKS	185-188

**EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

NOVEMBER 25, 2005

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** ——— **PRICES** ——— **VOLUME** ———  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00-18.00	720,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		16.83		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-21.00	14.00-17.00	2,228,000	1,508,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.41	14.89		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	200,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN**

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

NOVEMBER 25, 2005

**CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED** ——— **PRICES** ——— **VOLUME** ———  
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	20.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		20.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-21.00	10.00-19.00	2,018,000	1,552,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.77	13.22		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

\* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate at best for the mostly adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were adequate for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-NOV-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25	12-13	12.47
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonally active. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-NOV-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.5	12-13	12.41

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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